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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Markus BAUR et al.

Application No.: To be assigned

Filed: October 18, 2001

**For: IMPROVED IMMORTALIZED
HUMAN SKIN CELL LINES AND
NOVEL SERUM-FREE MEDIUM
USEFUL FOR THE PRODUCTION
THEREOF**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment into the file of this application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the Title and before the first line of page 1, insert the following section:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

--This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/091,483 filed June 19, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT/EP96/05812 filed December 19, 1996.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to applicants' parent application. No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this paper. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn deposit account no. **501-814**.

Respectfully submitted,

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